

In the specification

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph 27 on pages 6-7 with the following new paragraph:

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A12 [0027] In order to ensure that drape 10 remains aligned with the patient's vagina, an adhesive backing 20 is preferably provided on the patient side 14 of the sheet 12 proximate aperture 18. More preferably, the adhesive backing 20 surrounds the aperture 18 and is adherable to the patient. Even more preferably, as shown in Figure 13, the adhesive backing 20 covers that portion of the patient side 14 from about the level of the pouch 24, below the finger cot 22, to nearly the top of the patient side 14, such that maximum adhesion is achieved, thereby virtually eliminating the possibility of the drape 10 becoming misaligned and providing sufficient adhesion to support the weight of a pouch 24 containing fluid, described in more detail below. The adhesive backing 20 further functions to ensure that any fluids discharged from the patient's vagina are directed toward the surgeon side 16 of the sheet 12.

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In the amended paragraph the text "Figure 1" has been replaced with "Figure 3." This amendment corrects a typographical error in the original specification. The subject matter of the amended sentence of paragraph 27 is necessarily in reference to original Figure 3, because Figure 1 does not show a pouch.

No new matter has been added.